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- Walt Disney

FROM THE EDITOR



Dear alumni and friends,

As the Fall 2016 semester moves toward the holiday season and students start looking toward Finals Week, it's time to check in with another edition of Crossroads.

In this issue, you'll read a lot about forward momentum – whether it's our historic growth in enrollment, new programs like the English Language Learner graduate degree, or updates on campus building projects. There's also a sample from a brand new publication geared toward our Joplin Junior College alumni.

But you'll also read stories that share the value of personal growth. You'll meet students who have discovered the benefits of giving back to the community, as well as graduates who have taken what they learned at Missouri Southern and forged new paths.

Also featured in this issue of Crossroads are stories on the campus radio station, which has put student programming at the forefront; the cover feature on how students are making use of MSSU's 40 acres of native prairie land; and interviews with cross-country standout Vincent Kiprop and the Northwest Arkansas Naturals' Logan Moon.

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And don't forget, we want to hear from you. If you want to share a story idea, photo or comment on a story in this issue, be sure to email us at crossroads@mssu.edu.

Enjoy the holiday season! We'll catch up with you again in the spring!

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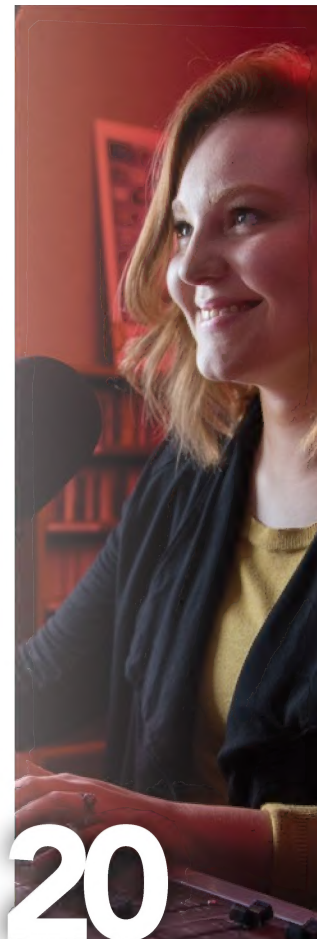
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A NOTE FROM THE

PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

Members of the faculty and staff here at Missouri Southern have heard me talk before about the concept of servant leadership.

The philosophy behind it challenges what we typically think of when we hear the word “leader” in that it allows anyone – in any position – to lead by helping others “be their best selves.” These are not mere words, but a philosophy I whole-heartedly embrace and do my best to follow.

I’ve seen signs of this taking root on campus. Earlier in the semester, three members of our Lion family were honored for demonstrating these ideals both in and out of the classroom.

During the fall semester’s Faculty/Staff Welcome, we honored Dr. Jean Hobbs, professor of kinesiology, and Dr. Joy Dworkin, professor of English, as Outstanding Teachers. Hobbs was also announced as Outstanding Advisor. And, earlier this month, Dr. Jennifer Dennis, associate professor of biology and environmental health, was selected by the Joplin Regional Business Journal as one of this year’s “Fifteen Under 40” honorees.

Even our students recognize that they have the potential to lead and help others - you’ll meet three of them in the pages of this magazine.

This is an exciting time here at Missouri Southern. Enrollment is up, we’re expanding our education offerings, and our building projects continue. Signs of growth abound.

More and more, people are becoming deeply involved with what is happening all around us, helping take charge and shape the legacy of this university for generations to come.

Let’s all commit to being servant leaders, to become more involved, and to be Lions through and through.



Dr. Alan Marble, ‘79
President
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GREIM RETURNS TO MSSU

Honored and excited. Those are the two words that came to mind when describing my feelings as I returned to work this summer at Missouri Southern.

I'm honored to have been selected for the position of Associate Vice President for University Development. Missouri Southern is a place that is very special to me. Having spent more than 12 years in a variety of roles in the Athletics Department, I have developed quite an affinity for MSSU. The opportunity to impact Southern in this different role is one I am grateful for and one I take very seriously, as I know this university deserves all of our best efforts.



I also use the term "excited" because of the potential that exists here. We have the right leadership in place at Missouri Southern to truly make this university the best it can be for our students. Now, having potential also means there is plenty of work to be done. But we know that the work we do and time we invest will bring progress.

Here's what we pledge to do: Our office will invest time and resources in improving our database so that we can keep more of our alumni and friends connected and informed of what is happening at MSSU. We will continue to establish meaningful connections with as many of you as possible. We will be donor-centered, meaning we will find a way to match university needs with our donors' intentions. And we will treat our alumni and supporters with respect and gratefulness.

Here's what we need from you: Make an impact! There are many ways you can leave your mark on Missouri Southern.

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Our students depend on us to provide them with a quality education that will improve their lives. Ultimately, that's why we all work here – to give students at MSSU a great experience while they're here and to prepare them for success in life. We hope you'll be part of achieving that goal.

Again, I'm honored and excited to be back in Lion Country. Go Lions!

Kevin Greim
Associate Vice President for University Development



AROUND CAMPUS

FALL ENROLLMENT RECORD SET

That sound you're hearing? That's the roar of more than 6,200 Lions.

Efforts to grow the number of students at Missouri Southern resulted in an unprecedented 7.7-percent increase in students for the Fall 2016 semester – and a historic high enrollment for the university.

Total university enrollment for the semester reached 6,229. The previous high, set in 1990, was 6,012. The record enrollment follows the growth seen in the Fall 2015 semester.

Missouri Southern students are enrolled in 72,809 credit hours, up 6.9 percent from last year's 68,101. The number of new freshmen choosing to come to MSSU grew from 925 in 2015 to 1,063 this year – an increase of 14.9 percent.

"It's all part of a plan put into place a few years ago that is now coming to fruition," said Derek Skaggs, dean of admissions. "We've stepped up our admission recruitment and marketing efforts, as well as our international and athletics recruiting."

Significant factors cited in the university's enrollment growth include the expansion of the Lion Pride Tuition area; the development of new graduate programs; an increase in the number of dual-credit students from area high schools; changes to the university's scholarship programs; new international recruitment efforts; and the development of the Yours to Lose Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program.

"Having the deans and department heads add and expand sections to meet course demand was also huge," said Skaggs. "This was intentional – everyone has been working together to grow enrollment and serve our students."

Dr. Alan Marble, president of Missouri Southern, said the numbers are reflective of the university's work to broaden its reach and provide more opportunities for students.

"Enrollment growth like this comes from the collective efforts of our faculty and staff," he said. "It shows what we've known for a long time – that Missouri Southern is a destination of choice for students taking the next big step in their academic and professional development."

**Schooler**

Schooler named Dean of Health Sciences

In June, Dr. Richard Schooler was announced as the university's new dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Schooler will oversee the school – which includes nursing, radiology, respiratory care, dental hygiene and the EMT and paramedic programs – at a pivotal time in the Joplin area's status as a health-care hub.

"Having been involved in the medical community for more than 30 years and on the business side for the last 12 years has given me a unique perspective on the needs and challenges that lie ahead," said Schooler.

"With Kansas City University's new medical school coming to Joplin and the two great health systems already here, there's a huge opportunity to take that step to the next level. Education has to be the foundation, and Missouri Southern is in position to be the driver for that."

From 1985-2004, Schooler practiced as an OB/GYN physician in Joplin before becoming medical director and director of medical education for Freeman. In 2006, he was named the hospital's chief medical officer, and in 2013 the executive vice president and chief operating officer. He retired from that position earlier this spring.

Japanese Ambassador visits Missouri Southern

Kenichiró Sasae, the incumbent Japanese Ambassador to the United States, visited Missouri Southern on Oct. 13 as part of a tour of Southwest Missouri.

Ambassador Sasae – who toured the region with U.S. Congressman Billy Long – was the honored guest at a luncheon in the North End Zone Facility.

"We were delighted to welcome the ambassador to our area and to the Missouri Southern campus," said Missouri Southern president Dr. Alan Marble. "We realize the importance of the economic, cultural, educational and strategic relationship between Japan and the United States. For us, the visit was a great honor."

The 20 students from Japan studying at Missouri Southern were also in attendance.

Born in 1951, Sasae joined the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1974. He previously served at Japanese embassies in Washington, D.C., London, and Japan's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva.

From 2005-08, he served as director-general of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, where he was Japan's representative to the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds (held between July 2005 and September 2007)



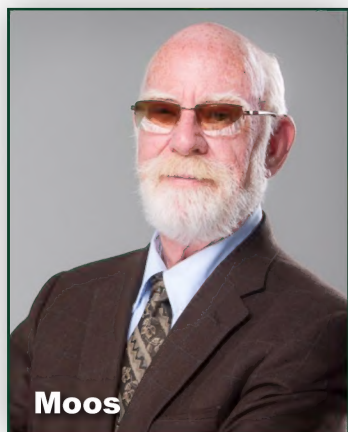
of the six-party talks among South Korea, North Korea, the U.S., China, Japan and Russia.

Sasae served as deputy minister for foreign affairs from 2008-10 and as vice minister for foreign affairs, the top civil service job at the Foreign Ministry, from 2010-12. He was appointed to his current position in 2012.



AROUND CAMPUS

continued



Moos tapped as Interim Dean for Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Dr. Chris Moos has been named the interim dean of the Robert W. Plaster School of Business at Missouri Southern State University.

A member of the international business faculty at Missouri Southern since 2003, Moos has taught courses such as international management, international marketing, global supply chain management, international business and international finance and strategic management. He brings more than 25 years of business experience prior to teaching, holding positions such as chief financial officer, chief operating officer and chief executive officer for several domestic, international and multi-national corporations.

He has expanded Missouri Southern's global reach by forming a partnership with the Odessa National Maritime University in Ukraine to offer a specialist in management certificate. He serves as the advisor for MSSU's NASBITE International Student Case Competition team, which claimed the title in 2016 and 2015.

He received his bachelor's degree from Wichita State University in 1978, and his master of business administration degree in 1982. In 1986, he studied logistics while attending the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School; he retired from the Navy in 2003 with the rank of commander. In 2011, he received his doctorate of business administration degree from the Swiss Management Center University.

Dr. Paula Carson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said Moos is a natural fit for the position.

"He has unique instructional experiences, particularly with graduate programs," she said. "That has been extremely helpful to us as we've launched our master's in management program this fall. And just as importantly, he is a published researcher and a scholar in every sense of the word."

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN?




Blair Freed My favorite memory is from my freshman year when 4 wild kittens crawled in my engine and came to school with me- one had run so far through the parking lot I was forced to take it to class or be late. My whole class got in on it and we hid it from the professor passing it around during lecture! We still laugh about it as seniors!

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Sue Luebber Doennig During play practice a blizzard started and a bunch of us were stuck in the old Barn Theater overnight.

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Suzanne Burnum Grieve Playing trumpet duet, Are You Lonesome tonight with the band at halftime, not knowing that I would marry my trumpet partner 3 years later.

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Donna Nesbitt My favorite MOSO memory is the relationships I built with my professors while there. There were several who really made a difference in my life and I can honestly say I would not have graduated had they not pushed and supported me. I will greatly miss working with them!

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Dianna N Buset My favorite memories are of my and my classmates sitting in the teacher education work room. No matter what we were always laughing, having a good time and helping each other out. I'll never forget my time at MOSO!!


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Jessica Lane My favorite memory was always going to the campus picnics. You get to meet new people and have great food. I graduated in 2013 with my BS. I'm going back for my Nursing degree and will be starting some prerequisite classes this upcoming semester. I missed MSSU and I'm happy I'm am a lion again!   

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Tori Hatfield My favorite memory at Southern is meeting my fiancé in a health class. So thankful for the teacher who made my schedule for me. 

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Bonnie Chastain Getting into the Biology Pond to pull non-native aquatic plants for Dr. Heth's Bio 101 class with Stanley Weeks III. FYI that pond has leeches LOL

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Ray France Intramural basketball I made a half court shot at the buzzer to tie the game then in the first over time made another half court shot at the buzzer to tie it again then at the buzzer of the second over time made another half court shot to win the game 3 half court shots in 1 game wow !

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Juli Henry DeNisco One of my favorite memories while attending in the early 80's was sledding down the hill behind the cafeteria (now known as the Lions Den.) Most of us didn't have sleds so we "borrowed" the cafeteria trays. They worked phenomenally. I'm not proud of our "borrowing" but fortunately we didn't break any before returning them.

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Nate Billings My favorite memories are walking across campus on a cool autumn evening after a day of studying and working. People would be out enjoying the weather, sharing and laughing.

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'I was blessed'

Esdra Lamy, '00 shares path to Warner Bros.

There's no straight line to success. It's often the result of a bit of serendipity, focus and hard work.

Esdra Lamy, who serves as vice president for station sales for Warner Bros. Domestic Television Distribution, originally came to Missouri Southern to play soccer.

"I needed to do a video interview for a summer camp coaching job, and I stumbled into Robin Douglas' office. She asked me some questions on camera," he said. "I checked out the TV station and I realized that's what I wanted to do. I was hooked ... I changed my major right away."

"I had a strong passion for on-the-air stuff, but also the creative aspect," he said. "The beautiful thing about working at KGCS is that I got involved in both ends of it."

He was featured on programs such as "Southern Sports Sunday," and was part of the push to get the station into the then-new Leggett & Platt Athletic Center to broadcast games. "We offered live sporting events locally produced by us, and the timing was impeccable," he said. "The men's basketball team had one of its best years ever." Douglas, coordinator of Testing Services who taught Lamy's television production class, remembers that Lamy would come to class smartly dressed when his classmates would typically wear jeans and T-shirts.

"To this day, I recall when I commented on why he was so dressed up, he said, 'You have to dress for the job you want.' I remember that clearly, and I had a deeper respect for him as he grew into the man he always knew he could be."

After graduating from Missouri Southern in 2000, Lamy moved to Kansas City to enter the Target training program, but quickly realized he wasn't where he wanted to be. After an interview process, he was hired as an account executive for Petry Media and moved to New York City. A position opened up with Petry's television sales division several months later in Los Angeles and he made the move.

"When you come from an environment where you have to be proactive – like at Missouri Southern – it helped prepare me," he said. "It happened because I raised my hand."

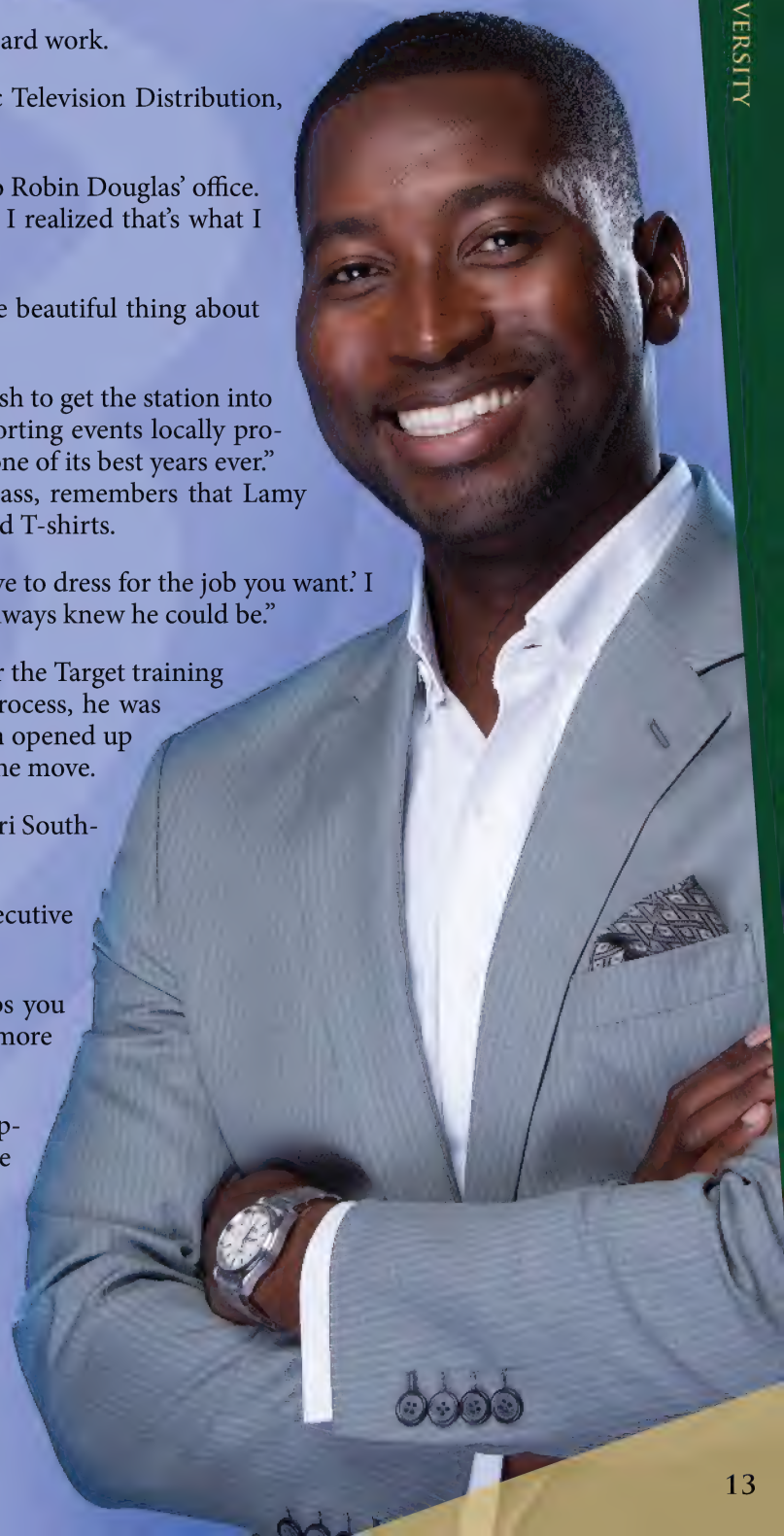
Proactive was the name of the game when he "cold called" his way into an account executive position after seeing an ad in the trades.

"I started from the ground up (at Warner Bros.)," Lamy said. "Typically for those jobs you have to know somebody. I kept working my way up to more responsibilities and getting more experience in different territories."

Fast forward a dozen years and Lamy has helped launch several first-run shows and shepherds the broadcast of programs such as "TMZ," "Extra," "People's Court" and "Judge Mathes." His division also handles the sales of sitcoms and off-network shows such as "Two and a Half Men," "Person of Interest" and "Smallville."

"Esdra is not only a success story in regards to what MSSU can offer, he is a success story in regards to what relationships between students and instructors can be if students are willing to listen, learn and grow," said Douglas.

"I've worked with the best and most caring people, with big hearts and who love what they do," he said.



Looking back.

**Mary Alice Hadley,
1947's 'Pigskin Princess,'
recalls time at
Joplin Junior College**



Mary Alice Hadley demurs for a moment when asked about the two years she spent as a student at Joplin Junior College. As she begins thumbing through a copy of the college's 1947 year-book, however, the memories come flooding back.

Today, Hadley lives alone in a retirement village in Lee's Summit, Mo.

But 71 years ago, she was a Neosho High School graduate whose firm belief in the importance of a good education was as strong as it is today.

'THAT'S WHAT IT TOOK'

It was the fall of 1945, and news of Japan's surrender – bringing World War II to an end – had spread across the country.

"There were five of us girls who commuted to Joplin Junior College together," says Hadley, who was then Mary Alice Dabbs. "They didn't have dorms then, so you had to stay at home and commute or live in Joplin.

"One of the girls bought a used Studebaker and we commuted for two years in it. We nicknamed it 'VJ,' for Victory over Japan."

The junior college had a great reputation in the region, Hadley says, and it was an easy decision to attend.

"I had never wanted to be a career woman, but I always felt it was just as important for a woman to have an education as it was for a man," she says. "I felt that's what it took in order to one day be a good mother."

Established less than a decade earlier, the college at Fourth Street and Byers Avenue was seeing a major influx of students as servicemen

returned from the military. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had signed the G.I. Bill, which allocated veterans up to \$500 to cover tuition, books and fees.

In 1946, enrollment would hit more than 480 – a record for the young college.

It was an exciting time, but Hadley says her primary focus was her studies. She was impressed with the faculty, who more than lived up to their reputation for excellence.

"I think back about Edna Drummond ... she was the dean of women and taught biology," she says. "She did more to influence me becoming a teacher than anyone else ever had.

"Martha McCormick was teaching in the math department. It was always said that when a student transferred to the Missouri School of Mines (and Metallurgy, in Rolla), staff there always knew if they'd had Martha for a teacher (because of the quality of their mathematics knowledge)."

Hadley joined the Alpha Kappa Mu sorority – serving as its vice president in 1947 – as well as the Young Women's Christian Association.

Socializing wasn't high on her list of priorities, however.

"We'd drive to school in the morning, go to class, have lunch and drive home around 3," she says. Occasionally, she and her friends would eat lunch at the Connor Hotel (though it was a bit expensive, she says), and she enjoyed catching a movie in downtown Joplin.

But much of her free time was spent studying or with her boyfriend, Jack, who was a year behind her.

In 1947, she was named "Pigskin Princess" in conjunction with Homecoming festivities. Hadley can't recall who nominated her, but says it likely helped that a number of young men on the football team were from her home town and supported her coronation.



LESSONS PASSED ON

When she graduated from Joplin Junior College, Hadley transferred to the University of Missouri in Columbia to earn her degree in secondary education with a major in biology and a minor in geosciences and chemistry.

She applied for her first teaching position in Joplin, though lost out to a former classmate, Floyd Belk – who would later become the college's vice president of academic affairs.

"I really liked him," says Hadley. "He was a fine person."

She took a teaching job in Carthage instead, earning at the time a very respectable \$200 per week.

Her teaching career eventually lost out to her passion for motherhood. She and Jack were married in 1950 and had four children. He worked for Firestone and the family moved several times, though they always seemed to wind up back in Carthage.

Hadley would later work for 13 years in the accounting department at Bass Pro in Springfield. Having learned the value of a good education from their mother, all four of their children would attend Missouri Southern.

When her husband passed away, she moved to the Kansas City area to be closer to her children.

Sitting at her kitchen table on a recent fall afternoon, Hadley says her time at Joplin Junior College may not have been exciting compared to others, but it remains very important to her.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it," she says. "I wanted my parents to be proud of me. Education was very important to them and I tried to instill that in my children as they were growing up."

Remember When

Missouri Southern recently launched a new publication, Remember When, focusing on graduates of Joplin Junior College. Each issue will feature memories of campus, faculty and the Joplin area. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact us at 417-625-9615.





ROARY 2016

MISSOURI SOUTHERN HOMECOMING 



Homecoming Royalty

Ben Isenmann, a senior general education major from Jasper, Mo., and **Kylie Hoelcher**, a junior psychology and criminology major from Nixa, Mo., were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the 39th annual Homecoming Picnic on Oct. 7.





KEVIN HOOKS

Outstanding Alumnus Award

Kevin Hooks, '92, serves as president and CEO of the Las Vegas Clark County Urban League.

After graduating with a degree in communication, he worked for State Farm for six years, where he became the senior public affairs manager; and later as general manager for Urban Elevation. He then served as vice president and general manager for UPP Entertainment Marketing, introducing celebrity brand placement protocols for events such as the Sundance Film Festival, People's Choice Awards and MTV Video Music Awards.

He then took on the role of executive vice president at Weber Shandwick, where he was in charge of spearheading the integrated marketing initiatives through consumer, entertainment and multi-cultural disciplines.

A member of the Urban League at the national level since 1997, he became president and CEO of the Las Vegas Urban League in 2013. He serves as the principal spokesperson for communicating the organization's mission, programs and services within the community. Services offered include GED support, helping clients attend college to learn a trade and teaching application and interview skills, as well as offering literacy, child development and financial empowerment programs.

Along with his participation in various community organizations, Hooks was recently appointed by Gov. Brian Sandoval as chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.



DR. HAL BODON

Lion-Hearted Award

Dr. Hal Bodon was the first head coach of the Missouri Southern men's soccer program, after introducing the sport as a club in 1972.

The team's first games as an official athletic program were played in 1976 and he served as the head coach for 11 seasons. He had a career record of 138-72-21, resulting in a .637 winning percentage.

As an instructor, Bodon taught French and German, theories of second language learning and oral communication. He chaired the annual Foreign Language Field Day for several years and helped to establish Missouri Southern's annual Honors Convocation.

Following his retirement in 1996, he and his wife worked as missionaries in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. From 2010-12, Bodon served as director of the Huntsman World Senior Games Soccer Tournament in St. George, Utah, and also as an adjunct professor at Dixie State University.

In 1998, a dedication was held for the Hal Bodon Soccer Field at Missouri Southern. He was inducted into the MSSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012.



THE BRITISH INVASION

Great Britain Semester offers timely talks, music and theater

By Dr. Chad Stebbins, Director, Institute of International Studies



Missouri Southern's selection of Great Britain for the Fall 2016 themed semester was a timely one, given the ongoing controversy over the United Kingdom's upcoming withdrawal from the European Union – commonly known as Brexit.

Dr. Nicholas Nicoletti, assistant professor of political science, gave a presentation on the U.K.'s rocky relationship with the EU on Oct. 27. Seven other MSSU faculty gave talks during the semester, on topics ranging from medieval manuscripts to Jack the Ripper. Dr. Jim Jackson, emeritus professor of biology who has visited the British Isles some 20 times, spoke on the benefits of deep tourism over broad tourism.

The Music Department chimed in with four concerts of British music, and Southern Theatre staged "Blithe Spirit," the comic play by Noël Coward, over five nights in Bud Walton Theatre. The British Film Festival showed 11 British masterpieces, including "Sense and Sensibility," "Billy Liar" and Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps."

The Great Britain Semester opened with a rousing "British Invasion" concert by the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, making one of its rare appearances away from the Kauffman Center's Helzberg Hall. It concluded with three talks by author Charles Finch, whose novel "The Last Enchantments" was read by all freshmen as part of their University Experience 100 class.

Two study abroad trips are planned to England in May 2017. Dr. Vickie Roettger and Dr. Scott Wells will lead a "Roots of Science" trip to London, Oxford and Lyme-Regis (the Jurassic Coast); Dr. Rebecca Mouser and Dr. Amy Gates will take students to London and other locations in southern England for a "Medieval Voyage, Quest, and Pilgrimage" exploration.

Korea will be the focus of the Fall 2017 themed semester.



A lovely, lovely country

Southern Safari group travels to Cuba

Once isolated from the United States by politics and ideology, Cuba is opening again.

A group of 19 Southern Safari participants spent eight days visiting the island nation during the summer. The trip was organized by the Missouri Southern Institute of International Studies.

The group landed in Havana and immediately was swept up in the beautiful colors, bright lights and island architecture of Cuba. The travelers visited a school, a senior center, a medical clinic, a farmers' market, a community art project, an Afro-Cuban cultural center and an artist's studio, as well as the finca (ranch) of the late Ernest Hemingway near Havana.

In addition to the capital city, participants took a group trip to the scenic rural Vinales valley west of the nation's capital to see life in rural Cuba, where sugar cane and tobacco ripen to maturity.

Dr. David Locher, a sociology professor who served as trip director, said Cuba has undergone countless changes since his last journey there 15 years ago.

"Cubans now are allowed to earn money on their own in ways they were not several years ago," he said. "They can run restaurants out of their homes, use their cars as taxis and sell things they make. They're frustrated because the changes they want to see coming aren't coming fast enough."

Most of the restrictions have been lifted on the travel routes of foreign tourists, he said.

"There is really no place you are not allowed to go. There is no one who is afraid to talk to you. Cubans are very patriotic but also very open about what they don't like and the problems they feel need to be fixed."

Dr. Virginia "Gingy" Laas, a retired Missouri Southern professor who made the trip, said the beauty of the island is amazing.

"The countryside is beautiful. It's a lovely, lovely country," she said.

She said Americans may find that, despite its welcome to American tourists, the Cuban people may not want to be overrun by the vast amount of merchandise and temptations from its neighbor to the north.

"Our whole long history with Cuba is not exactly good, from the Spanish American war to today," Laas said. "How and in what ways Cuba will change is up to the Cubans."



ON THE AIR

STUDENT PROGRAMMING FEATURED HEAVILY ON KXMS



The bouncing melody of Me Like Bees' "Tundraland" emanates from the speakers in the KXMS studio, the song portion of an hour-long block devoted to local talent.

For those accustomed to hearing only classical music played during the daytime, the upbeat number from the Joplin-based indie rock band might come as a surprise when tuning in. But it's the result of an effort to have students be more involved in the day-to-day operation of the station, and to expand the "fine arts" referred to in 88.7 FM's longstanding tagline – "Fine Arts Radio International."

"KXMS has been well known as a classical station," says junior communications major Justin Eves. "Classical music is definitely 'fine arts,' but 'fine arts' doesn't mean just classical. It's any kind of genre."

Between 3 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, student-produced programming offers a broad range of music,

including modern rock, jazz, bluegrass, Celtic and tracks from the local music scene. Eves, who hosts Monday evening's "Hour in the '80s" show as East Bay J, likes to offer a mix of favorites and "outlandish" international tracks audiences may not be familiar with.

Kirsten Blaser, senior mass communications major and the station's student coordinator, says she enjoyed getting hands-on experience, but was a proponent of making the station a student-run affair.

"We wanted students to be heard on weekdays," she says. "It draws more students to the practicum and the Communication Department in general. They get to pick what genre they want to feature on their show and what the format will be."

Students learn how to use the digital audio delivery system, how to record a program and format a playlist.



"Our department strives to give students a real-world, on-the-job experience," says Kisa Clark, coordinator of the student practicum. "Now they're really getting it."

"In the daytime, we still offer classical music for our pretty big base of listeners. But we also want to attract new listeners who might be interested in new programming."

Daytime classical music programming comes courtesy of WCPE, a 24-hour classical station based in North Carolina. Weekends offer a mix of Missouri Southern sports coverage, opera and blues. It's a mix of old and new that is building on the station's already loyal audience.

"We seem to be getting a lot of positive feedback," says Eves. "It's really exciting."



IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Carrington Harrison
co-hosts top-rated sports talk show in Kansas City



For Carrington Harrison, the appeal of radio is in its freedom and creativity.

"I like the free-flowing nature of radio," he says. "I started listening to sports talk as a kid. I liked the back and forth with the callers, and that you had a longer time frame to explain the point you were trying to make."

Harrison, who attended Missouri Southern from 2006 to 2010 and completed his communication degree earlier this year, gained experience working for Zimmer Radio and operating the boards for broadcasts of university games.

Today, Harrison works for 610 Sports Radio as co-host of "The Drive" – the most popular sports talk show in Kansas City. He and Danny Parkins have spent the past four years crafting a show that is a combination of sports, current events and their own lives – a format that continued to build in popularity.

"We try to deliver the biggest things happening in Kansas City sports and sports in general," he says. "The show was already trending in the right direction, but the Royals being good was a turning point. We did a good job of cornering that market before a lot of people realized how big the team was going to be, and tailored our program to satisfy that hole in the market."

"But we also try to show our personalities and appeal to people with who we are, while adjusting on the fly to what's big."

While proud of The Drive's success, Harrison believes that giving back is an important obligation that comes along with it.

"Our goal is to do more charity work," he says. "The Kansas City Chiefs drafted a player who was on probation for domestic violence. We set up a GoFundMe account and raised \$16,000 in a week. One-hundred percent of the money went to the Rose Brooks Center (a local domestic violence shelter)."

"It's the responsibility of anybody with this kind of platform to give back to the community."



SERVANT LEADERS

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STUDENTS TALK VOLUNTEERISM

"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve."

Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of a "heart full of grace" as the only requirement to serve others.

Volunteer service is truly a calling. Over the next few pages, you'll meet three Missouri Southern students who have answered that call. Beyond the expectations of the classroom, they've found ways to give their time in service to others.

From working with children to delivering meals or sharing our region's history ... through smiles, hugs and tears ... they know firsthand the difference a volunteer can make in someone's life.

Jenson Maydew: 'Fight Like Andrew'



"Letting kids with cancer be kids again."

That's the motto for Camp Quality – a program serving hundreds of children with cancer in 11 different states. And it's a motto that Jenson Maydew had taken to heart before she even began volunteering there.

"During my senior year of high school, my best friend's little brother passed away from cancer at age nine," she

says. "His name was Andrew, and he was in and out of hospitals. I spent a lot of time talking to him."

It was during this time that she turned to Google to see how her lifelong love of art could be used to help children in Andrew's situation. Through art therapy, Maydew says she hopes to work with children to help them express their emotions through words and pictures, and also help them through their hospital stay.

Today, Maydew – who plays basketball and throws shot put on the track and field team – sports a tattoo of the letters FLA on her bicep, for "Fight Like Andrew." The junior art therapy major is a volunteer for Camp Quality locations in Kansas City and Neosho.

"I had just graduated from high school and I was here to help with basketball camp for kids before the start of my freshman year," she said. "A little girl at the camp became super attached to me and asked me questions about what I wanted to do."

"I told her I wanted to work with kids with cancer, and she told me her mom works at Camp Quality."

At Camp Quality, volunteer companions are paired up with campers to spend one-on-one time with them throughout the program. Activities include swimming, hiking, fishing and taking a ride on a zip line. While the camps are held in the summer, there are also reunions and family events that take place year round.

"At the camp in Kansas City, siblings can come too," says Maydew. "Talking to them about it, it helped me understand where kids come from in these situations. She told me she sometimes didn't know where she was going to sleep at night ... at her grandparents' house or with her neighbors ... because her parents were always at the hospital. Cancer affects people in different ways."

During her first year with Camp Quality, Maydew made the Top 5 list for "Best Companion," selected from among hundreds of other volunteers in the U.S. Volunteering has also kept her close to her best friend, Dani – Andrew's older sister.

"She volunteers at the camp with me every year ... we go through the hard emotions together."

Josh Hadley: 'It's what I'm supposed to do'

Josh Hadley remembers how it felt as a youth playing football, when older athletes would come to work with him and other young teammates.

"It had a big impact on me," he says. "It always inspired me to keep playing. Having those guys who were where I wanted to be come and show love, it made me want to keep playing and do better."

Hadley, a senior public relations manager originally from Northern California, plays running back for the Lions. He hasn't forgotten the positive impact those volunteers made on him and is paying it forward.

He volunteers his time with the Joplin Junior Eagles, helping the fifth-grade boys learn the basics of game.



“I come in and show the kids drills to help them develop their skills, and the right way to do the fundamentals,” says Hadley. “It’s everything from the basics of football to ball security, how to redirect and how to catch a ball.”

Hadley has developed good relationships with the kids he has worked with.

“I see them around town or at church and they’ll run up to me,” he says. “It’s really cool.”

But service doesn’t stop once he’s off the field. Hadley has worked with the United Way for the Play 60 program – encouraging kids to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. He’s volunteered at food banks, delivering meals to those in need. And last spring, he traveled to Denver, Colo., with a group from College Heights Christian Church to work on a variety of community service projects, from picking up trash to building shelters.

His view of the importance of volunteer service is a simple one: It’s a calling.

“I’m not doing anyone a favor (by volunteering),” says Hadley. “It’s what I’m called to do ... leaders serve. I’m just doing what I’m supposed to do.”

Ashley Burns: ‘Volunteering is a way of life’

Ashley Burns, a junior biology major from Granby, “knows” volunteering.

Some of her earliest efforts took place after her family moved to the Granby area from California when she was 9 years old.

“We visited the George Washington Carver National Monument near Diamond and thought it was beautiful,” she remembers. “My dad and I went there every Sunday, primarily doing trail and stream maintenance and composting with watercress.”

She says her father and mother, Jerry Burns and Jennifer Ames, have been her greatest inspirations.

“They’ve made it not something I have to do but something I want to do,” she says.

She spoke to groups that came to the monument about Dr. Carver’s development of milk and other products out of peanuts.

“That gave me experience speaking to groups and helped get me out of my shell,” she says.

In 2014, Burns competed with volunteers from over 400 national parks to win the national George B. Hartzog Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award. It was the first time anyone from the park had received that recognition. The prize included a trip to Washington, D.C.

As a senior at East Newton High School, she was the winner of a \$5,000 Golden Lion Award scholarship at Missouri Southern for her work there.

She volunteered at the Carver National Monument until the age of 18.

“Then I got an opportunity to be hired as a paid employee for National Park Service and I took it,” the effervescent 20-year-old says with a smile.

Burns, an Honors Program and Project Stay student at Missouri Southern, is a member of the Campus Activities Board, the Lion Ambassadors and Southern Ambassadors. As a Southern Ambassador, she conducts tours of the Missouri Southern campus for potential students and parents.

“Volunteering is a way of life and important to me,” she says. “I love it. Just about wherever I go I find a way to volunteer. Because of the impact it has had on me, I want to pass it on.”



Burns says she would like to pursue a career in the National Park Service, ultimately becoming a park superintendent or holding an even higher position in the Interior Department.

“I encourage people to volunteer, no matter what,” she says. “If you love animals, volunteer at an animal shelter. If you want to help people, work in a soup kitchen. If you love the outdoors, help clean up a park. It could really change the course of your life, like it did mine.”



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LITTLE CLASS ON THE PRAIRIE

Native prairie provides outdoor lab for students c

Gathered near several cars and trucks parked off to the side, the students break off into two groups – one group carrying nets, the other bottles of a pink liquid – and set off by foot into one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America.

“It’s unique because there aren’t a lot of universities that have what we call ‘remnant’ prairies – land that hasn’t been plowed or modified,” said Jason Willand, professor of biology and environmental health. “Less than one percent of the original prairies remain.”

“We do some mowing to keep down the vegetation, but these 40 acres are unique to this part of Missouri.”

‘It’s so valuable’

The unplowed, native tall grass prairie is part of only about 75,000 acres of such land still in existence in Missouri.

Such prairies are dominated by a unique assemblage of specially adapted grasses, Mima mounds, and herbaceous flowering plants. These prairies also provide a home to a wide variety of animals, insects and bird species for students to observe and research, as well as a small area of wetland.

The acreage was not part of the original Mission Hills estate that was purchased by the Jasper County Junior College District from owners Frank and Juanita Wallower in 1964.

Juanita Wallower Carter and her then-husband, Proctor Carter, gifted half of the acreage to Missouri Southern in August 1978. The other half of the land was purchased by the college.

In February 2015, the Missouri Southern Board of Governors unanimously voted to permanently set aside 14 of the 40 acres for student use as a natural laboratory. An adjacent piece of land is also available for student use.

While students studying biology and environmental health have used the prairie land for their studies, it has also been utilized by other departments – including a plein air painting class.

“The features are undisturbed and it hasn’t been plowed. I don’t know if people grasp the concept that this land has been evolving and progressing over 10,000 years,” says Randy Haase, who spent more than 30 years with the Missouri Department of Conservation and now serves as the manager of Webb City’s habitation restoration project.

“The end result of this long period is that less than half of 1 percent of native prairie is left in Missouri and it’s one of the most

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endangered areas in North America. That's what makes the land at Missouri Southern so valuable."

Haase has spent time on Southern's prairie to document the plants found there in order to gain a basic idea of their diversity.

"Missouri has developed a system where every plant has an assigned conservation number, ranging from 0 to 10," he says. "A 0 can be found anywhere there's soil, all the way up to a 10, which aren't necessarily rare but are specific to where they're found at. Between 4 and 6 is pretty common, but I found a few 7s and 8s out there."

'A great learning experience'

On this day, students are on a bug hunt, sweeping with nets and checking traps. Several mesh intercept traps are also set up, looking somewhat like abandoned tents but designed to draw in flying insects.

"We're sweep netting to take samples of bugs that live out here on the prairie," said Teddy Pashia, junior conservation biology

major. "We'll take them back to the lab, freeze them and see what we've got."

Rachel Denton, senior conservation biology major, says the prairie provides an ideal place to explore different kinds of wildlife.

"It's a great learning experience, even if you're not going into the entomology field," she says. "And it definitely helps that you don't have to travel somewhere to do a simple sweep net."

At the far end of the prairie, the second group of students uses the pink antifreeze solution to refill ground traps.

"Ground insects walk across the pitfall trap, fall into the coolant and can't get out," says Lane Myers, a senior biology major who hopes to become a conservation biologist or game warden after finishing his degree. "This is really valuable for what I want to do."

Winter work

While classes do not meet on the prairie during winter, Willand says it provides time to perform essential management tasks. Removing woody plants that have invaded and encroached over the years allows the prairie to "move back in," he says.



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SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

New Mural Captures Joplin's History

**Kyle McKenzie serves as
lead muralist for East
Town project**



The bright, vivid colors of the mural stretch from one end to the other of the former Earl Smith market on Langston Hughes/Broadway in Joplin's East Town.

Named "Belonging to All the Hands Who Build," the mural depicts important figures from the community's history, while paying tribute to the storytelling that keeps their contributions alive.

"One of the main themes during the creation of this mural was the idea of storytelling," says Kyle McKenzie, an art instructor at Missouri Southern who served as lead artist for the project. "I was struck not just by the history that was shared with us, but by the way they told the stories. The hummingbird on the mural is sort of a symbolic reference to the coming and going of information as it is passed along with grace and efficiency."

Among those depicted in the mural is Betty Smith, a longtime resident who is passionate about East Town's history; and Melissa Cuther, a schoolteacher who helped bring big-name musicians such as the Duke Ellington Orchestra to Joplin and house them at a time when they were unable to get a hotel room due to the color of their skin.

Joplin's Cultural Affairs Committee received a grant from the Missouri Arts Council to create the mural. McKenzie was tabbed for the role after serving as an apprentice to Lawrence, Kan.-based muralist Dave Loewenstein for "The Butterfly Effect" mural at 15th and Main streets.

A series of community meetings were held to discuss the project and come up with a design, and painting began in August. A dedication ceremony was held on Oct. 2, with the MSSU Jazz Band, under the direction of Freddie Green, performing during the event.

McKenzie said the entire process was a valuable learning experience.

"I learned a lot about Joplin's black history, and particularly about people in this community who really broke ground," he said.



Michael Howarth publishes first novel

Sometimes, all a young kid wants to do is hone his sweet ninja skills and take his rightful place as the “Bruce Lee of New England.”

Things, however, are not always that easy. Throw in the pressures of high school, a shopaholic mother, a rap-loving therapist and an Asian cyber-girlfriend, and young Timothy Dimmick’s quest takes some unexpected turns.

Timothy’s path is at the heart of “Fair Weather Ninjas,” the first novel by Dr. Michael Howarth, associate professor of English and director of the Honors Program at Missouri Southern State University.

“It has a humorous element, and there’s a lot in there for adults, too,” he said.

The novel was published this summer by Lamar University Literary Press. Andrew Geyer, author of “Dixie Fish” and “Meeting the Dead” said of the book: “If being a ninja means having the ability to overcome tragedy and to temper with grace the day-after-day awfulness that too often comes with being a teen, then Michael Howarth’s gorgeous coming-of-age novel is a must-read.”

The paperback is available through online retailers such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Dr. Patricia Murphy, a retired English professor, recently published “The New Woman Gothic: Reconfigurations of Distress.”

Published by the University of Missouri Press, the book adds to the study of the New Woman in British fiction in the 19th and 20th centuries. The “New Woman” was the term used at the end of the 19th century to describe women who resisted the limits which society imposed on women. (Today she might be called a liberated woman or a feminist.)

The book, designed for an academic audience, examines the New Woman as she appears in Gothic writing.

Geography lab unveiled along with new major

The addition of a geography lab is helping to put the new major on the map at Missouri Southern.

The creation of the lab is a result of a minor degree growing into a larger program, said Steve Smith, professor of geography. After being approved by the state last year, the 2016-17 school year is the first for geography to be offered as a major.

“Geography and spatial science are among the top 25 job fields in the United States right now,” said Smith. “What we wanted was essentially an interactive classroom environment ... a space that accommodates a bank of computers and space for lab classes and traditional lectures.

To construct the lab, crews combined two rooms on the second floor of Webster Hall, removing a wall and installing a dual-projection system, topographic maps, globes and new carpeting.

“The idea was to create a space that’s visually interesting, and more than just a traditional classroom,” said Smith.

Social work program doubles its enrollment

When the social work program launched at Missouri Southern at the start of the 2015-16 school year, it was with fewer than 20 students.

In its second full year, the program has more than doubled in size.

“We have 33 students who came in this August,” said Dr. Renee White, department chair. “There’s been a lot of word of mouth around campus about it, as well as by people in the community who have social work degrees and are excited to share the news.”

Another factor helping to bolster the new degree is the job potential. According to the National Association of Social Workers, employment it expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations. That is, in part, due to the growing elderly population and the aging Baby Boom generation.

White said she hopes to see the program continue to flourish at Missouri Southern.

“Social work is an up-and-coming profession,” said White. “Regionally, there are some rural areas that are very much in need of social workers.”





THE ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Smith named regional vice president for PBL

Emmalee Smith, a junior marketing and management major from Carthage, has been elected to serve as the national vice president for the North Central Region of Phi Beta Lambda.

The PBL club is the collegiate equivalent of Future Business Leaders of America – an educational association of post-secondary student members preparing for careers in business. The election took place during the PBL National Leadership Conference held during the summer in Atlanta, Ga.

“I knew last year’s vice president. She enjoyed the experience and recommended me for it,” said Smith. “I applied, developed a two-day campaign, gave a speech to members of our region and then won the election.

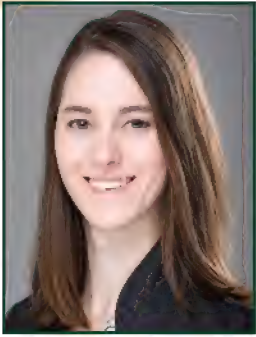
“This is the 75th year for FBLA-PBL, so my slogan was ‘Emmalee Smith in the 75th.’ The color theme went along with the organization’s colors – blue and gold. My speech and campaign revolved around their three pillars – service, education and progress. I’m very passionate about the organization.”

As vice president for the North Central Region, she will serve as the primary student liaison between the national organization and chapters in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

“I’ll help the eight states work with the national organization,” said Smith. “I’ll reach out to state officers and see if they need assistance with their meetings or state conferences.”

During the national conference, Smith also received a national championship in the Business Communications category.

PBL, in association with FBLA, is the oldest and largest business organization for students. There are more than 10,000 active members in the United States, including 20 chapters with 350 members in Missouri. Stu Dunlop, marketing/management professor, serves as adviser for the Missouri Southern chapter.



Student receives Delta Mu Delta scholarship

Madison McDonnell, a senior management/human resource major from Granby, was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Delta Mu

Delta, the international honor society in business.

“I applied for the board of governors scholarship, which required me to include information about my volunteerism, the things I’ve been active in on campus as well as references,” she said. “I was very flattered to receive it. Financially it was helpful with school costs.”

McDonnell, who was inducted into the campus chapter of Delta Mu Delta in the spring, will graduate in Spring 2017.

Delta Mu Delta promotes higher scholarship in training for business and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business subjects. To be inducted in the Lambda Gamma chapter at Missouri Southern, students must be business majors and in the top 20 percent of their class. Dr. Jonathan Adongo, assistant professor of economics, is the adviser for the chapter.



March for Babies held at MSSU

The Joplin March for Babies was held on Oct. 22 at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The event – which was held for the first time on the Missouri Southern campus – was presented by the university’s chapter of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda. Since 1970, the annual event has raised more than \$2.5 billion, with all funds used to support the March of Dimes’ mission to improve the health of babies.

“The March of Dimes is the national charity for FBLA-PBL,” said Stu Dunlop, marketing/management professor and adviser for the Missouri Southern chapter. “Our students found out the walk wasn’t being held in Joplin on a formal basis and decided to reintroduce it.”

Master of Management Classes Underway

A new graduate degree at Missouri Southern - the Master’s Degree in Management - began this fall through the School of Business. The hybrid program (classes are online and on-campus) is open to graduates from any major.





SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Grads see success with Carthage's Dual Language Academy

Southern alums Megan Wilkes, '13, and Gretel Schmidt, '14, received their education expecting to teach young students.

What they didn't expect was their involvement in an innovative dual-language immersion program of the type currently underway at Fairview Elementary School in Carthage.

Jana Sawyer, '93, English Language Learners coordinator for the Carthage School District, says the Carthage Dual Language Academy began in the 2015-16 school year. At the time, the effort was implemented in kindergarten and first grade, with two classrooms per grade level. This year, as the first graders moved into second grade, grade two was added to the effort and new enrollees joined the kindergarten classes.

"We will continue to add a grade level in the program each year as that first cohort of students moves up, continuing through high school," Sawyer says.

Wilkes, the English language first-grade teacher at Fairview, says the effort involves more than just teaching students to speak another language:

"There is a genuine community aspect to it," she says. "We are blending two communities. We are learning about differences and acceptance. Life lessons consist of a lot more than academics alone."

Sawyer says each grade level has two classrooms with approximately 20 students each. Half of the students speak primarily English at home. The other half speak primarily Spanish. One of the classrooms is an English-only classroom and the other a Spanish-only classroom. Students spend half of their day in each class.

Schmidt, who teaches the Spanish language class for first grade, grew up speaking Spanish. She says that just as young children from Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua or other Spanish-speaking countries learn English quickly, native English speakers have proved surprisingly adept with Spanish.

"My non-native speakers have really good accents," she says. "They already can roll their r's and use the right inflections and voices."

The teachers agree that the full language immersion for half of each school day is key to the students' success.

The program makes up only a portion of the curriculum at Fairview. Parents are informed about the purposes and goals of the Dual Language Academy and are then invited to enroll their children. If they are not interested, their

children will attend classes in which only English is spoken.

“Space is pretty limited,” Sawyer says. “Right now, we have more families interested than we can accept.”

While the Carthage School District has approximately 1,100 students who are classified as English Language Learners, the dual immersion program does not directly relate to that need, says Sawyer. The goal is to give everyone the opportunity to add a language, rather than lose one.

She says that although it is too early to draw conclusions about long term academic success, teachers have seen students form a unified community with their peers because of the need to rely on each other for support in speaking a new language.

“They are constantly being challenged,” she says. “Meeting those challenges successfully develops pride, and enhances academic risk-taking, creative thinking and problem-solving skills.”

Other Southern alums involved in Carthage’s dual language program include teachers Emeli Jimenez and Rachel Gonzalez, ’16; Fairview principal Ronna Patterson, ’81; assistant principal Lori Harter, ’89; and Carthage assistant superintendent of schools, Kandy Frazier, ’92.



Future Taylor Hall

Psychology Department, CDC on the move

Missouri Southern’s Psychology Department and Child Development Center will be on the move this spring.

The Child Development Center, currently located in Taylor Hall, will be relocated into a spacious, 11,000 square feet of property at 3600 Newman Road currently used by the Joplin Regional Center.

Bob Harrington, director of the Physical Plant, says the CDC ultimately will occupy all but the Newman Road side of that building.

“Our lease started in September,” Harrington says. “If everything goes according to schedule, we will move the CDC into the new facility over spring break in March 2017.”

Harrington says the space Psychology occupies in the Health Sciences building is needed for construction of the new dental school facility for the University of Missouri –Kansas City. That project will start next summer.

Psychology will move into the annex building behind the Physical Plant once the Biology Department moves into its new location in the newly-renovated Reynolds Hall in May 2017. Then will come remodeling and new construction of the old CDC location in the Taylor Education building.

If all goes as planned, the Psychology Department will move to its permanent home in Taylor Hall in May 2018.

“What’s planned will be spectacular,” says Dr. Robert McDermid, Psychology Department chair. “In the end, we will have an outstanding learning and work environment.”

School to offer ELL graduate degree

A new Master of Science in Education English Language Learner program, designed for educators who would like to pursue certification in ELL, will help to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English.

The program will offer teachers courses in linguistics, second-language acquisition, diverse cultures, pedagogical implementation, assessment and professionalism in the ELL field. Courses will be offered online starting in the summer of 2017.

“We are developing this program because of the increasing ELL population in K-12 schools in Southwest Missouri,” says Dr. Deborah Brown, dean of the School of Education. “We want to help teachers meet the needs of their students.”





SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

EMS students trained on Escaping Violent Encounters

Students split up into pairs along the mats set up in the gymnasium, taking turns grabbing one another by the wrist, then putting their training into effect to remove themselves from the grip.

There's smiles and laughter as they practice, but they realize the techniques being learned are serious business. The students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services program at Missouri Southern are among the very few students in the country to receive Escaping Violent Encounters training as part of their education.

"We do this for all of our EMT and paramedic students every semester," says Brett Peine, director of the EMS program. "We're essentially giving them the tools they need if they get attacked on the job. It's really all about preventing getting attacked, but they need the physical skills to be able to respond if they do."

Peine says studies show that 50 percent of EMS workers report getting attacked on the job. However, that number is much higher in reality.

"I was attacked three times as a paramedic, but I didn't report it," he says. "For whatever reason, we've got it in our culture that it's just part of the job."

Madison Anderson, a junior studying to become a paramedic, is already employed as an EMT with Metro Emergency Transport System in Joplin. The Escaping Violent Encounters training helped prepare her for what she might encounter.

"You never know what house you might be going into or what kind of situation you're going to roll up on," says Anderson. "We're obviously there to help our patient, but our priority is also to keep ourselves and our partners safe."

Austin Triplett, a freshman EMT student, says the techniques they learn in the class are all about creating space between themselves and an attacker.

"The first thing we learned is we were not being taught how to hurt people," he says. "The techniques teach us to de-escalate a situation and keep our distance."

The most effective self-defense tool is good customer service, says Peine.

"We teach good verbal skills to de-escalate things, and talk about not being in an unsafe scene," he says. "They need to learn the tools so if they do get attacked, this is how they can take care of it."

Nursing program to add spring cohort

An increase in the number of students in the nursing program, as well as a plan to have them entering the profession year round, is being met with cheers from the local medical community.

Currently, Missouri Southern admits a cohort of 60 nursing students each fall. Starting in 2017, there will be a cohort of 45 students entering the nursing program in the fall and the spring.

“The increase in student numbers is in response to the shortage of professional nurses,” said Dr. Marcia Wilmes, chair of the Nursing Department. “It also decreases pressure on our local clinical facilities. From a healthcare delivery standpoint, it’s very inefficient to have a flood of graduates in May.”

Representatives from Mercy Hospital and Freeman Health System collaborated with Missouri Southern in planning the new cohort structure. Coleen Cameron, chief nursing and regulatory officer for Freeman Health System, said she is “thrilled, to say the least.”

“Nursing schools graduate most of their students in the spring ... it’s a large volume,” she said. “In the winter months, it’s more difficult to find applicants for open positions.”

Dennis Manly, chief nursing officer for Mercy Hospital, agreed.

“We have a nursing shortage,” he said. “It will certainly be a benefit to have more graduates coming out of nursing school to fill the need in the Joplin area.”

Both hospitals also work with Missouri Southern to give students hands-on, clinical experience while they are still in school.

“It’s a partnership between education and practice,” said Wilmes. “Our students not only work in the acute care hospital systems, but also in community clinics and home health care services. Our students get experience in all those levels.”



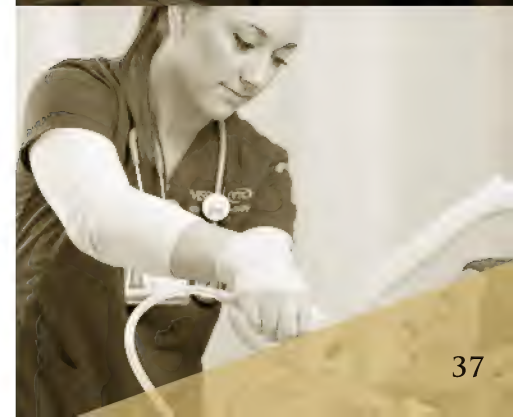
Southern ambulance gets new look

Missouri Southern’s ambulance now includes the university logo, the EMS Department logo and Missouri Southern’s iconic lion head.

Donated to Southern by the METS ambulance service a few years ago, the vehicle is used for simulated emergencies and promotional events. The wrapping was done by Vital Signs in Columbus, Kan.

The new look comes at a time when the EMS program is gaining more visibility.

“We are currently experiencing fantastic growth in the EMS programs,” says Brett Peine, EMS director. “This means you will see more and more of our students participating in simulated emergencies in and around campus throughout the year.”



LIONS ATHLETICS



Setting the pace

Vincent Kiprop finds success as member of the cross-country team

Vincent Kiprop came to the United States in search of an education, as well as a chance to compete against some of the best runners in the world.

At Missouri Southern, he's on pace to receive both.

Kiprop, the second eldest of six children, hails from Kericho, Kenya – a town in western Kenya with a population of more than 150,000 people. He began running at 13 years old, excelling at track and field at Londiani Boys High School.

While he did all his running on his own without the benefit of a coach, he eventually caught the eye of a coach who not only noticed his abilities in running, but also in the classroom.

“He told me he wanted to introduce me to a coach that would help me find a scholarship to a U.S. school,” Kiprop said. “That way I would be in a place that was competitive and I can do both my studies and running.”

He had a friend that had planned to go to Missouri Southern, but was unable to attend. Kiprop did some research about the university and liked what he saw.

“I went on the school's website and instantly my heart felt this was the right place for me,” he said. “I emailed back and forth with Coach (Schiding) and it was a short process before I was making plans to come here.”

As a freshman nursing major, he was named the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National Male Cross Country Student-Athlete of the Year for Division II.

He started his collegiate career by winning his first meet in a very competitive Missouri Southern Stampede. He went on to place 11th in a field of mainly Division I runners at the University of Arkansas' Chili Pepper Invitational and then was a second-place finisher at a meet at Missouri S&T. That meet would be the last meet he would lose until the National Championship.

He went on to win the MIAA Championships, the NCAA Central Region meet and finish as the national runner-up at the 2015 NCAA Division II National Championship, a meet hosted by MSSU in Joplin. The runner he finished second to at the NCAA Championships, Alfred Chelanga, is also a Kenyan, and also a true freshman like Kiprop.

Kiprop went on to win every event he ran in during the 2016 indoor regular season, including winning the MIAA titles in both the 3,000 meter and 5,000 meter, but just missing out on All-American honors at the NCAA Championships.

Moving on to the outdoor season, Kiprop won his first race (5k) at Southwest Baptist and placed in the top 12 of two prestigious meets (Mt. Sac Relays and the Drake Relays). He won three separate events at the 2016 MIAA Outdoor Championships (5,000 meters, 10,000 meters and the 3,000-meter steeplechase), earning him the MIAA High Point Award for the meet. That award goes to the individual that scores the most points at the event.

The pinnacle of his freshman campaign came at the 2016 NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships, where he blew past his competition to win the Division II National Championship in the 10,000 meter. He finished 10 seconds in front of the second-place runner and he was 42 seconds in front of Chelanga, the national champion in cross country. Most recently, Kiprop was a repeat champion at the 2016 MIAA and NCAA Division II Central Regional Meets – the latter of which he won by a margin of 1:23 and was named the NCAA Central Region Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Year for the second-straight year.

He has continued his pace by winning the first two events of the 2016 cross country season by margins of 47 and 42 seconds, respectively. Kiprop credits much of his success with the talent of his teammates. Without them, he would not be pushed as much as he has been.

"This year, we have the ability to be a pretty good team," he said. "This team's work ethic is outstanding and everyone is very passionate about running. When we do our workouts everyone pushes everyone and when that is happening, the whole team moves forward.

"I have always had the spirit to work hard, no matter what the circumstance. Nothing is impossible in life. So long as you have the will and the power, you can achieve it."

MSSU increases rosters for football, soccer teams

More athletes are competing on Missouri Southern teams this fall thanks to a new recruitment effort by the Athletics Department and the Office of Admissions.

This year's total number of Missouri Southern football players is 141, compared to 101 last year.

"Having more guys out there helps with many things," said MSSU Head Football Coach Denver Johnson. "Most of these players will redshirt this fall. Some will play, but just having the numbers speeds up practice and provides depth not only for the varsity squad but also for the scout team."

A total of 37 total soccer players were on the roster this season, compared to just 18 the year before.

"My reasoning for having a larger roster is two-fold," said MSSU Head Soccer Coach Chris McNaughton. "Injuries occur in college athletics and having a larger roster will allow us to absorb any injuries we incur and continue training and competing."

Athletics is routinely the "front porch" for many colleges, said Director of Athletics Jared Bruggeman.

"It's no different here and one of our obligations to the university is to drive and grow enrollment," he said.

Rob Corn among Hall of Fame inductees



When you think of MSSU basketball, you think of Rob Corn – a vital part of the program for 17 years. On Sept. 24, he joined his father – Robert Corn – as one of the newest members of the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame.

Rob is a part of the game-day rituals for the team and is always the first to congratulate a player when they make a great play and the first to offer a hand on the shoulder when they're down. His pride for Missouri Southern is second-to-none and his loyalty to the program is just as strong.

At the induction ceremony, current Lions head coach Jeff Boschee delivered the induction speech. Other coaches that Rob has interacted with over the years (Bill Self – Kansas; Paul Lusk – Missouri State; Chris Lowery – Kansas State; Kim Anderson – Missouri; and Mike Krzyzewski – Duke) sent a congratulatory video. Rob's older brother, Scott, helped Rob deliver his



acceptance speech and put into words what Rob was feeling that day.

Also inducted into the Hall of Fame were Amanda Zook (women's soccer, 1999-2002); Allen Barbre (football, 2003-06); and Matt Meyr (baseball, 2000-01).



Amanda Zook (Women's Soccer – 1999-2002)

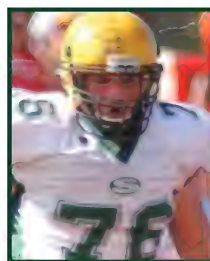
Zook becomes the first MSSU women's soccer player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Zook was a member of the inaugural Lions women's soccer team that debuted in 1999. A native of Lee's Summit, Mo., Zook played in all 72 games in the Lions' first four years as an intercollegiate program. A defender, Zook was a four-time All-MIAA performer.

She resides in the Kansas City area and is currently employed by Unit-EdLex as a Human Resources Manager.

Allen Barbre (Football – 2003-06)

Barbre was a consensus All-American, All-MIAA and All-Region first-team selection in 2006. He finished with a career-high 94 knock-



downs at left tackle and also excelled on the punt coverage unit, coming up with seven solo tackles. Barbre was drafted in the fourth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Green Bay Packers. He played for the Pack from 2007-2010. He played for the Seattle Seahawks and the Miami Dolphins during the 2010 season and then was back with Seattle for the 2011-2013 seasons. He has since been playing for the Philadelphia Eagles, where he is a starter at left guard.



Matt Meyr (Baseball – 2000-01)

Meyr was a two-year player for the Lions, roaming the outfield after transferring to Southern from Forrest Park Community College in St. Louis.

He was the 2001 Ken B. Jones award winner which is given annually to the top student-athlete in all of the MIAA. That season, Meyr was second in the MIAA in batting average (.457) and that mark still stands as the third-best ever single-season mark in MSSU history.

He is currently a high-school math teacher at Galena High School where he is the head basketball coach and assistant baseball coach.

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Logan Moon steps up for first season with Northwest Arkansas Naturals

In June of 2014, Logan Moon – then a senior centerfielder for the Lions – was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the sixth round of the first-year player entry draft.

In short order, he found himself playing rookie ball in Burlington, N.C. He skipped advanced rookie ball the next year, playing the following season for the Wilmington Blue Rocks – an advanced Single-A team in Wilmington, Del.

He played with the Kansas City Royals during five spring training games and was assigned to the Northwest Arkansas Naturals – a Double-A team in Springdale, Ark.

From there? Moon says he's more focused on playing his best, but he knows what the stakes are.

"Thinking long term is tough in baseball. There are so many different scenarios that can happen," he said. "Obviously, the next step is working hard and eventually move up to AAA. After that, you either go to the majors or you're done. Those are the biggest and hardest steps to make."

Moon recently spoke with Crossroads about playing for the Naturals.

On playing AA baseball:

"Double A is where it starts to get as competitive as it can get. It's tough, and it's a good league to judge for yourself if you can actually play for the Major League. About 15 of the guys I've faced pitching-wise made their Major League debuts this year."

"It's tough, but that's what the Double-A and Triple-A coaches are for ... they're there for our development to make better players. They know what it takes and want the best for us. They do what they can to make sure we're taking the right steps and doing the right things to become major league ballplayers."

Missouri Southern's coaching staff:

"I still have an amazing relationship with the coaching staff. Even though I was there just one year, they made me feel like I had already been there for three. I still talk to those guys every week – about personal things, family and friends. But also we talk about what the Royals have been teaching me, what I've learned to do in this or that situation. We're constantly talking about baseball."

Staying connected with fans:

"Springdale is a pretty big town and the fans are awesome. But I run into a lot of people who come down to say hi, who tell me they're going to Missouri Southern, or that they have family in Joplin. That kind of thing is cool."



CLASS NOTES

1970s

David Koester, '77, was inducted into the Missouri Southern State University Regional Media Hall of Fame in April.

Mark Harris, '79, is the speech and debate coach at Raytown High School. He recently received his seventh Diamond Award from the National Speech and Debate Association.

1980s

Donna Bryant, '80, is the Help Desk Coordinator at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Mo.

Gerald Bryant, '80, is the Assistant Chief Technology Officer at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield.

Janet Kavandi, '80, is the director of NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the first woman to serve in this role.

David M. Cunningham, '81, serves as the director of the Meeteetse Museums in Meeteetse, Wyo., located near Yellowstone National Park. He was also appointed by the Wyoming governor as a member of the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Board, which is an agency for the Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources.

Scott Rosenthal, '81, was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Leader of the Year by the Oklahoma Primary Care Association. Scott is the chief executive officer of the Northeastern Oklahoma Community Health Centers, Inc.

James A. Williams, '81, is retired from the U.S. Army and currently works for Leggett & Platt, Inc. in Carthage, Mo., as the Staff VP of financial reporting.

John Atkinson, '83, is a general adjuster for CNA Insurance.

Kristin (Rabe) Atkinson, '84, is the chief financial officer at BNIM Architects in Kansas City, Mo. She was named CFO of the Year for 2016 by the Kansas City Business Journal.

Lee Elliff Pound, '86, has been elected secretary of the Carthage R-9 Board of Education, elected to the Powers Museum Board and also to the Board of Directors of artCentral in Carthage.

Scott P. Danley, '89, is a software engineer at Leggett & Platt, Inc.

1990s

Richard Davidson, '92, earned a M.S. in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas. He is currently the president of Marco Group, Inc. in Neosho, Mo.

Kevin Hooks, '92, is the CEO of Las Vegas Urban League in Las Vegas, Nev. He was awarded the 2016 MSSU Outstanding Alumnus.

Jason Ansley, '96, is the digital marketing director at Infinity Publishing Group in Webb City, Mo. As part of the company since 2001, he has directed them to be part of the INC. 5,000 Fastest Growing Media Companies in America three times: 2009, 2013, and 2014.

Matt Huntley, '96, is the principal at Carthage High School. He was honored as the Exemplary Principal of the Year for Southwest Missouri by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.

Michael Mailes, '96, is a regulatory coordinator at FINRA in Kansas City, Mo.

Debra Schow-Smith, '97, is the human resources training specialist at Missouri Southern State University.

Carol Rawlins, '98, is a probation and parole officer for the State of Missouri.

Rick Rogers, '98, has accepted the VP position with TownNews.com. His work will include future growth of the digital media and services space.

Brandon Eggleston, '99, is the principal at Joplin High School in Joplin, Mo.

Shally Lundien, '99, '03, was named the new Columbia Elementary School principal for the Joplin School District.

2000s

Zachary Harris, '00, is superintendent at the Lamar R-1 School District. He was one of eight Missouri superintendents recognized by Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) for outstanding performance as a new superintendent.

Matt Meyr, '02, was a 2016 inductee into the MSSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Amanda Zook, '02, was a 2016 inductee into the MSSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ross Gipson, '04, is an attorney for the Missouri State Public Defender's office in Carthage.

Nikki Gonzales, '04, is a workforce management/analyst at Neovox Global in Carthage.

Jalyn (Higgins) Lair, '05, earned her MBA from William Woods University and is now a cost accounting consultant for hospitals and clinics. She also teaches adjunct accounting classes at Ozarks Technical College's Tablerock Campus in Hollister, Mo.

T. J. Gerlach, '06, is the content specialist for PetroSkills, the world's leader for oil and gas training.

Tracy (Hass) Cordova, '07, is a project manager for Ivie & Associates in Bentonville, Ark.

Laura (Watts) Whipple, '09, is a traffic coordinator at Lozier in Joplin.

2010s

Jesse Cordova, '11, is an account coordinator for Ivie & Associates in Bentonville, Ark.

Josh Klugh, '11, is a consultant with ExecuTREK Systems, LLC.

Audrey Buckland, '12, is a research associate at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Md.

Grant Conrad, '12, was selected to be the Home Plate Umpire for the Florida State League All-Star Game.

Jordynn (Poe) Griffith, '12, is the advancement director at LifeChoices Health Network in Joplin.

Eric Studyvin, '12, is now a podiatrist at Beth Israel in New York.

Kathryn Fields, '13, is the human resources coordinator at Missouri Southern State University.

Crystal Weltha, '13, is a third grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary in Joplin.

Michael Woodruff, '13, is the station manager at KGLC Radio in Grove, Okla.

Ruth Stamper, '14, earned her master's in sociology from the University of Kansas.

Allen Barbre, '15, was a 2016 inductee into the MSSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Traci Guhr, '15, spent the last year working on the Disney College Program at Disney World.

MARRIAGES

Ryan Milliken and Meagan Jones, '14, were married on March 5, 2016.

Tom Crockett and Ivy Love, '10, were married on May 21, 2016.

Cody Doll and Kaitlin Tinney, '14, were married on May 21, 2016.

Blake Morrison and Megan Walker, '09, were married on May 28, 2016.

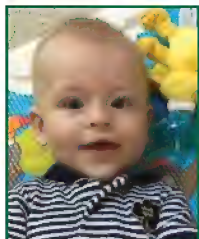
Brian Borgard, '12, and Stephanie Sonntag, '15, were married on June 4, 2016.

Kellen Cox, '13, and Adelie Campbell, '16, were married on June 25, 2016.

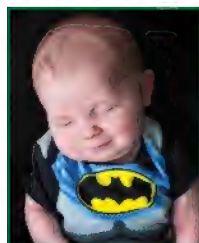
Nathan Bramwell, '12, and Becca Jakaitis were married on July 16, 2016

Josh Taylor and Liz Scheurich, '04, were married on Aug. 7, 2016.

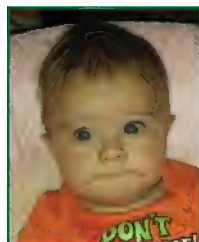
LION CUBS



Joshua, '13, and Marcie (Wilkerson) Mason, '13, welcomed **Elijah Paul** on April 5, 2016.



Kevin and Mandy (Witt) Nolte, '05, welcomed **Kolbe Andrew** on May 11, 2016.



Brandon and Keri (Thompson) Woods, '03, welcomed **Bren Michael Woods** on May 16, 2016.

Roland, '11, and Lindsey (Kreps) Thompson, '10, '12, welcomed **Aiden Burrell** on June 1, 2016

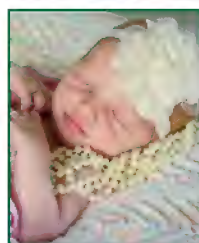
Dustin, '12, and Tasha (Francis) De Loach, '13, welcomed **Landon Wilson** on June 15, 2016



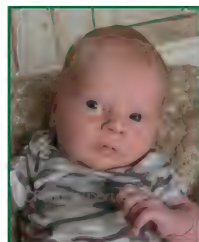
Brandon Williams and Alyssa Karel, '10, welcomed **Nash Calhoun** on August 10, 2016.



Jake, '07, and Rachel Heisten welcomed twins **Leo Ryan and Georgia Irene** on Aug. 11, 2016



Matthew and Valerie (Melton) Morrow, '10, welcomed **Trinity Reagan** on Aug. 24, 2016.



Jacob, '08, and Lynae (Rose) Cook, '07, welcomed **Jasper Dean** on Sept. 26, 2016.

Michael and Allyson (Graves) Barnes, '11, welcomed **Samuel John** on Sept. 29, 2016.

IN MEMORIAM

Students

Colee Townsley-Grubb
March 10, 2016

Lisa D. Tuggle
March 14, 2016

Lorenzo Jones
October 9, 2016

Joplin Junior College

Barbara A. Ray Hoofnagle, '42
March 16, 2016

Gerry (Stowell) Weaver, '43
April 26, 2016

Sharon K. Fretwell, '66
June 22, 2016

Jane Baldridge Wiswall, '55
July 7, 2016

Norma Crossley Gregory, '56
July 14, 2016

Donna Roehling, '55, '80
Aug. 4, 2016

Emma J. Goade, '69
Aug. 19, 2016

Missouri Southern

Dee Gallemore, '73
June 9, 2015

Patricia (Harrington) Shank
March 10, 2016

Michael T. Bell, '88
March 17, 2016

Michael L. Ness, '96
March 20, 2016

Angela Littlefield, '95
March 30, 2016

Joan Miller Evans
May 2, 2016

Charles C. McGinness
May 8, 2016

Michael W. Camerer, '79
May 12, 2016

Helen L. Higgins
Secretary
May 14, 2016

Patricia A. Pachlhofer, '75
May 15, 2016

Karl Beyersdorfer
May 27, 2016

Thomas O. Maples
May 30, 2016

Christina "Michelle" (Chaney) Gregory, '04
June 3, 2016

Carolyn M. Mitchell, '00
June 16, 2016

John N. Kaplanis
June 16, 2016

Teresa A. Brewer, '00
June 18, 2016

Tracy L. McCracken, '72
June 23, 2016

Michele K. Zimmerman, '78
July 5, 2016

Jessica M. Ware-Prudlick, '05
July 8, 2016

Jeffrey L. Landrith, '80
July 11, 2016

Billy R. Jones, '78
July 13, 2016

Robin (Sponsler) Hays, '79
July 14, 2016

Ronald "Leroy" Cleaver, Sr.
July 27, 2016

Jason Bolt
July 27, 2016

James T. LePage
Aug. 13, 2016

Malcolm D. Downing, '77
Sept. 3, 2016

Jerry D. Lane, '94
Sept. 26, 2016

Friends of Missouri Southern

Basil W. Coates
March 12, 2016

Stephen C. Molitor
March 13, 2016

Marie Hale Snyder
March 20, 2016

Thomas W. Keckley
March 21, 2016

George E. Phelps
March 19, 2016

Gorden W. Turner
March 27, 2016

Paul W. Cox
April 6, 2016

Alice Pantoja
April 30, 2016

H. Wayne Hackney
May 12, 2016

Elizabeth "Betsy" Pauly
May 29, 2016

Dr. Bob E. Martin
June 5, 2016

William F. Leffen
June 28, 2016

Raymond E. Scheurich
Aug. 12, 2016

Jerry P. Coburn
Drafting instructor
Aug. 28, 2016

David L. Carlton
Sept. 4, 2016

Janet N. Hill
Financial aid/personnel
Sept. 8, 2016

Mary L. Hundley
Sept. 23, 2016

Culture **CALENDAR** 2016-17

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 1

Film: "Snowden"
2:30 and 6:30 p.m.
Phelps Theater
(Repeats 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2)

Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4

Southern Theatre
children's play:
"Another Mother Goose
Christmas Mystery"
2:30 p.m.,
Taylor Performing Arts Center
\$3 adults/\$1 for children
under 12
Call 417-625-9393 for ticket info.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Commencement
10 a.m.
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

JANUARY

Monday, January 9

Exhibit: Regional K-12
Art Show opens
Through Jan. 19
Spiva Art Gallery

Monday, Jan. 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

Monday, January 23

Exhibit: Quincy Owens and Luke
Crawley (mixed media)
Through Feb. 15
Spiva Art Gallery

Wednesday - Saturday, January 25-28

Southern Theatre presents:
"Woman of Ciudad Juarez"
7:30 p.m.
Bud Walton Theatre
\$5 for adults/\$3 for senior
citizens and non-MSSU
students
Call 417-625-9393 for ticket info.

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 20

Exhibit: Örjan Henriksson
(photography)
Through March 17
Spiva Art Gallery

Tuesday, February 21

Piano recital: Dr. Jason Terry (MSSU
alum)
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Wednesday, February 22

Education Career Fair 2017
1-3 p.m.
Billingsly Student Center
Ballroom

Tuesday, February 28

International Film Festival:
"Hobson's Choice"
(Britain, 1954)
7 p.m.
Cornell Auditorium

MARCH

Tuesday, March 7

Senior clarinet recital:
Paige Burris
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12

Southern Theatre presents: "The
Great Alphabet Adventure"
2:30 p.m.
Taylor Performing Arts Center
\$3 for adults/\$1 for children
under age 12
Call 417-625-9393 for ticket info.

Tuesday, March 14

International Film Festival:
"Illicit Interlude"
(Sweden, 1951)
7 p.m.
Cornell Auditorium

Tuesday, March 14

Senior clarinet recital:
Reetha Hasse
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Thursday, March 16

Symphonic Band concert
7:30 p.m.
Taylor Performing Arts Center

Monday, March 27

Exhibit: Allison Evans
(video/photography)
Through April 21
Spiva Art Gallery

Tuesday, March 28

International Film Festival:
"The Children are Watching Us"
(Italy, 1942)
7 p.m.
Cornell Auditorium

Thursday, March 30

Senior clarinet recital:
Angie Baker
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

APRIL

Tuesday, April 4

Percussion Ensemble concert
7:30 p.m.
Bud Walton Theatre

Wednesday, April 5

Spring Career Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Tuesday, April 11

International Film Festival:
"The Human Beast"
(France, 1938)
7 p.m.
Cornell Auditorium

Thursday, April 6

Senior trumpet recital:
Trevor Berger
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Tuesday, April 11

Chamber Ensemble concert
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Friday, April 14

Orchestra concert, with
guest pianist Roger Wright
7:30 p.m.
Taylor Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 23

Mozart's "Requiem"
performance
3 p.m.
Central Christian Center

Monday, April 24

Exhibit: Graduating Seniors Show
Through May 5
Spiva Art Gallery

Tuesday, April 25

Jazz Orchestra concert
7:30 p.m.
Corley Auditorium

Monday - Friday, April 24-29

Southern Theatre presents:
"An Evening of One-Act Plays"
7:30 p.m.
Bud Walton Theatre
\$5 for adults/\$3 for senior citizens
and non-MSSU students
Call 417-625-9393 for ticket info.

MAY

May 4

Spring choir concert
7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church

May 5

Spring Symphonic Band
concert
7:30 p.m.
Taylor Performing Arts Center

Saturday, May 13

Commencement
9:30 a.m.
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center



HOME GAME SCHEDULE

JANUARY





01.12 LINDENWOOD	5:30 & 7:30 P.M.
01.14 LINCOLN	1:00 & 3:00 P.M.
01.25 NORTHEASTERN STATE	5:30 & 7:30 P.M.
01.28 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	1:00 & 3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY

02.04 PITTSBURG STATE	1:00 & 3:00 P.M.
02.15 MISSOURI WESTERN	5:30 & 7:30 P.M.
02.18 NORTHWEST MISSOURI	1:00 & 3:00 P.M.
02.23 CENTRAL MISSOURI	5:30 & 7:30 P.M.

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"This photo was taken in Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colo., this past August when I was on a weeklong camping trip with my girlfriend. I have a nice camera and I like to take photos, but I don't really like the term 'photographer.' Those people are incredible and dedicate their life to it ... I just like taking photos for myself of cool places I've been."

— Bryce Morris, Senior business major

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Belk

Mansion added to national historic register

The campus' historic mansion – built in 1920 by Lucius P. “Buck” Buchanan – has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

A ceremony was held on Oct. 21 to formally mark the achievement. Brad Belk, director of the Joplin Museum Complex and member of the MSSU Alumni Association board, spearheaded the lengthy application process.

“To be listed, a building has to have historical significance,” he said. “I feel 100 percent that the mansion has that. For the university, it links the past to the present.”

Built in 1920 by Lucius P. “Buck” Buchanan, a wealthy mining developer, the mansion was constructed with a Spanish motif. It was reportedly inspired by a house he saw in Puerto Rico.

It was later purchased by Frank C. and Juanita Wallower. One of the leading developers of the Tri-State Mining District, Frank Wallower set up a generating plant to produce electricity for Mission Hills, and the mansion was one of the first homes in the Joplin area to be air conditioned.

The 320-acre Missouri Southern State College campus opened in 1967, with the residence housing classrooms and offices, including the office of Leon C. Billingsly, the college's first president. In 2004, a project began to renovate the Mission Hills Mansion, which had fallen into disrepair. The oldest building on campus became the Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center and the permanent home of the MSSU Alumni Association, which raised approximately \$1.8 million toward the structure's renovation.

Nodler named emeritus archivist

Charles Nodler, professor and archivist for MSSU's Spiva Library, has been approved for Emeritus status by the Academy of Certified Archivists based in Albany, N.Y.

Nodler, who recently began phased retirement, began working at Missouri Southern in 1978 after receiving a bachelor's degree from Southern. He earned a master's degree in history and a certificate in Archival Administration from the University of Texas-Arlington, as well as a master of library science degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

“I've always liked history and it seemed, going through school, to be one of my best subjects,” he says. “The fact that I have enjoyed my occupation has made a big difference in the way I have felt about my work.”

Nodler says although some items in archives don't see the light of day, others remain particularly relevant.

“The mining maps, which go back to the 1800s, are most heavily used,” he states. “They show the locations of the lead and zinc mines. They are used every week by people in the community. If there is any new construction or road-building, the people in charge of the construction need to know the location of those mines.”

Nodler says MSSU's archives include a number of Presidential letters in the collection from former Congressman Gene Taylor. The Bailey

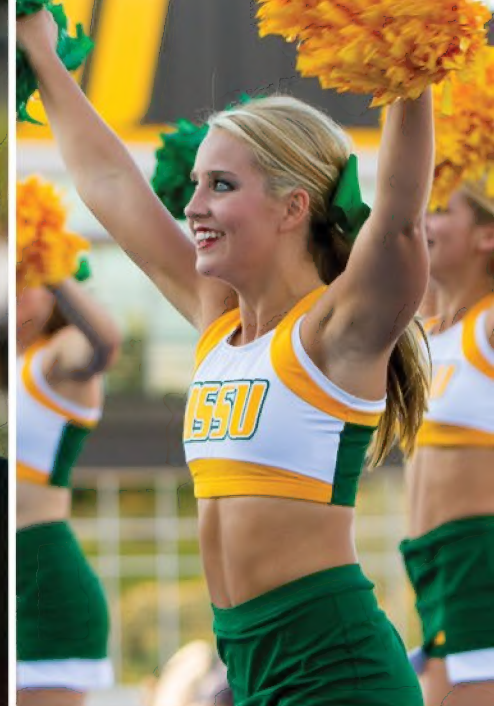
collection from Carthage includes two hand-signed letters from Harry Truman when he was presiding judge of Jackson County.

Nodler says the move away from paper records and the emergence of new technologies in recent decades have created new challenges for archivists.

“There is a new field called digital history because digital formats are constantly changing,” he explains. “You have to continually adapt to stay up to date.”

Nodler is a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond and the Gene Taylor Museum Board in Sarcoxie. He set up the archives at the Carver Monument and served as a consultant for the creation of the archives of Newton County.





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DAN AND JEANETTE STENGEL
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It was about a year ago that former Missouri Southern instructor Dan Stengel learned that an accounting scholarship had been established in his name.

"I had a past student who was very successful ... in spite of me, I guess," Stengel said with a laugh. "But he thought it was, perhaps to some extent, because of me. He was not an accounting major, but he thought that if people – regardless of what area they're in – can get some accounting background, they're going to be more successful. He established the scholarship in my name. I told him it was nice to do that while I was still alive."

Stengel was on the ground floor when Missouri Southern became a four-year college at its current location. He and his wife, Jeanette, were recent graduates of the University of Nebraska when they came to Joplin in 1967. He began teaching accounting, finance and investment courses in Hearn Hall.

"About a year later, the Business Department moved over to the mansion, which was pretty exciting," he said.

The faculty was very close-knit, said Stengel, and Jeanette became a member of the faculty wives association.

In 1975, he joined the Joplin office of BKD after becoming a certified public accountant, and was elected to partnership in 1982. He specialized in income and estate taxes, business succession planning and business consulting, retiring in 2006.

After learning that the scholarship had been created in his name, the couple decided to add to it – creating an endowed scholarship that will benefit an accounting student each year.

"It was pleasing to be able to help add to it," said Stengel. "We wanted to give someone an opportunity who might not be able to afford a college education, or would have to incur a great deal of debt to get it."

The MSSU Foundation thanks Dan and Jeanette Stengel, as well as all donors to MSSU, for their loyal and critical support.


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